



# Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

541-386-2608 [hrcchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hrcchurch@gmail.com)  
[www.hoodrivervalleychristianchurch.com](http://www.hoodrivervalleychristianchurch.com)

and on Face book

**August 30, 2023**

## Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

## Interim Minister

Rev. Holly Greenidge 503 381-8027

[hollygreenidge@gmail.com](mailto:hollygreenidge@gmail.com)

## Church Administrative Assistant

Kathy Holmson office hours as needed

[hrcchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hrcchurch@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.hoodrivervalleychristianchurch.com](http://www.hoodrivervalleychristianchurch.com)



## Sunday September 3 is HYMN SING Sunday!

The Top 10 Hymns will be sung next Sunday. The results of the poll were quite clearly in favor of which Betty and Mary Anne should choose, but two were omitted because they were just sung last Sunday. The majority are in the "oldies but goodies" category. Come sing with heart and soul and voice.

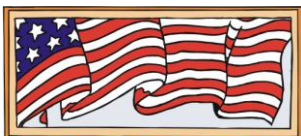
## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30am Adult Sunday school classes, nursery available

10:30am Sunday Worship

### LINK:

Sunday Worship August 27 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/964169644689123>



**LABOR DAY**

The church office will be closed Monday, September 4  
in observance of Labor Day.

**No newsletter September 6**

### About Church Giving

**Online Giving** To donate online to Hood River Valley Christian Church, go to <http://www.hoodrivervalleychristianchurch.com/donate/> and make a donation

### Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App

on your Smartphone or tablet. A onetime gift can be made or you can set up online giving on a regular basis. **USPS Mail** You can also give to Hood River Valley Christian Church by mailing a check to: HRVCC 975 Indian Creek Road, Hood River, OR 97031

**In the Sanctuary** For offerings and tithes, there is a deposit box at the entrance of the sanctuary, inside the double doors. Offerings may be dropped off at any time.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Layla, JJ & Rider Gaffney	Sharon & Gordon Cook	Lauree Winfield	Vicki White
Bev Thomas	Katy White	Stacey Jubitz	Bonnie McCollister
David Nash	Nancy Krieg	Suze Nigl's niece Trisha	

++Leslie Melby was in the local hospital last week for diverticulitis.

++Rider, JJ and Layla Gaffney recovering from injuries and trauma from a vehicle accident last month. Prayers of healing, strength and perseverance for the children, parents and grandparents.

++Chrystal Akin's friend Jared, 16 years old being treated for a recurrence of leukemia.

++People of Maui, Hawaii affected by devastating fires. Week of Compassion is responding. **Make donations at <https://www.weekofcompassion.org/give.html> designate "HAWAI'I Fires"**

**A Note from Doug and Cathy Myers Wirt**—Dear friends, the bookkeeper at Regional office provided us with a list of people and congregations contributing to the love gift given to the us late last month. We want to thank Hood River Valley Christian Church for participating in this generous outpouring. We remain grateful for the years we have shared ministry. Doug and Cathy

### **HRVCC Board and Congregation**

Thank you so much for the love and support you have shown over the years! I am so thankful for all the things I have learned and the experiences I have been blessed with as a member of HRVCC. I am so thankful to have your support on my new journey! Loads of love, Ayden Rose Phelps

#### ***Coming in September***

### **Women's Dessert Party!**

Women's Ministries is having a "Getting to Know You" dessert party on Saturday, September 23, 2-4:00pm at the church. Thelma and her committee are planning the event. It will feature dessert and everyone is invited to bring their hobby. Special recognition of the ladies who do such admirable jobs for our church. They hope people will come via carpool (Thelma is coordinating rides). Mark your calendar!

### **Ruth Fletcher Workshop, 8-27-2023**

Last Sunday after worship and light lunch, ten joined Ruth Fletcher in an hour's workshop about "listening prayer." She distributed this quote from St. John of the Cross: "The exquisite risk is to still our own house." And commentary by Mark Nepo:

At any moment, if quiet enough and open enough,  
we can drop into the fabric of existence

in which everything, even pain, has its vivid signature or energy  
that we call, at different times, truth or beauty or peace.

The exquisite risk that St. John speaks of is twofold:  
the risk to still our own house so that the Spirit can come through,  
so that we might drop into the vital nature of things  
And the risk to then let that beautiful knowing inform our days.

The exquisite risk is a doorway, then,  
that lets us experience the extraordinary in the ordinary.

It is always near.

Truth opens it. Love opens it. Humility opens it.

And if stubborn, pain will intensify to open it.

Sadness can open it, if felt to its center.

Silence and time open it, if we enter them and don't just watch them.



## Fall Wall Hanging Raffle to Help Meet Needs on Maui

You will notice a lovely autumn-themed, quilted wall hanging as you pass thru the Church entry. The fabric was donated through the Thriftshop and Barbara Frazier, one member of the quilting group, used her talents and time to design, sew, and quilt the wall hanging. Thank you Barbara!

The wall hanging will be raffled, then awarded to the winner of the raffle on September 24 th , the second day of fall. Where will the proceeds go? Week of Compassion is partnering with local ecumenical partners on Maui to assist with immediate and long-term needs of people affected by wildfires on Maui. Proceeds will go to The Maui related Week of Compassion fund.

Tickets for the raffle will be available this Sunday thru Sunday September 17 th . They can be purchased for \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00. Thank you!

## SABBATICAL NEWS



**INTERIM MINISTER** While Pastor Alicia is on sabbatical, Pastor Holly Greenidge will serve as interim minister. Holly will lead worship on September 10, September 24, October 8, October 22 and November 5. Every Sunday Holly is in worship, she will also be present for pastoral visits, meetings, questions and discussions on that Monday or Tuesday. Make sure to reach out if you have a need or simply want to get to know her better.

Pastor Holly's contact information is phone 503 381-8027 email [hollygreenidge@gmail.com](mailto:hollygreenidge@gmail.com)

**If you have a need or concern while Pastor Alicia is away**, please reach out to our Interim Minister Holly Greenidge, an elder, Kathy in the church office, or a member of the sabbatical committee (Mary Anne Parrott, Betty Osborne, Suze Nigl, Sharon Smiley and Wes Bailey).



### Rev. Steve Knox, preaching September 10 & 17

Steve's journey in ministry began with youth ministries at First Christian Church in Junction City (where his father, Gilbert Knox, was Pastor), and Coquille, Oregon. After Bushnell University (NCC), he and his wife Christy moved to Alhambra, California, where he served as Associate Minister. After Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, the family moved to Waitsburg, Washington, his first solo pastorate. Then he served the church in Milton-Freewater, Oregon. And finally, the journey took him and his family to the church in Silverton, Oregon.

The journey included missions to Mexico and Ecuador, youth camps & campouts, a bazillion sermons, weddings, funerals, and hospital calls, much sorrow and much more joy, and a lotta potlucks. He retired in 2020 and continues to enjoy camping, fishing, spoiling his grandkids, and occasional preaching.

**Be in prayer** During sabbatical you are invited to be in prayer. Pray for the congregation. Pray for the ministries of the church. Pray for Pastor Alicia. Pray for Geoff, Kailey, and Jackson. Pray for yourself. Pray that all will "savor" this time as we learn, grow and deepen our faith. This is a time to be intentional in our prayer lives.



**PRAYER**

**What are we savoring?** Every Sunday during the sabbatical there will be a time at the end of worship to write down the answers to the questions "What did you savor today? What did you savor in worship, in the life of the church, in this faith community?"

**In addition**, Pastor Alicia will be answering what she savored each day, as well as those who join her during her sabbatical. These will then be shared with the congregation at a later date.

## ***Our chimes choir needs to add a new member***

Mary Anne Parrott is an awesome, patient and gifted leader, and we have a ton of fun as we learn and grow. None of us were chimers until we joined the group, and we are always learning together.

Just one rehearsal each Thursday at 1:30pm in the fellowship hall, and we play on average every three to four weeks. We take the summer months off, and WE NEED YOU!

Please call or email Mary Anne 909-239-7314 or [parrottmaryanne@gmail.com](mailto:parrottmaryanne@gmail.com)) "A good time is always had by all!"



## **Collecting for FISH Food Bank September 3**

Our local food bank needs our donations—non perishable food, hygiene supplies, pet food, and monetary donations. HRVCC collects for FISH the first Sunday of each month.

Currently, FISH needs the following items:

Cooking oil      Jelly or jam      Sugar      Salt      Condiments  
Oatmeal (quick, old fashioned or instant)      Cereal      Rice  
Chili (canned)  
Gluten free items

Clients also really appreciate any personal care items (soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant etc.) and pet food.



## **RECYCLING!**

Our next Second Sunday Recycling is September 10. What to bring is listed here and is posted on the vestibule and fellowship hall bulletin boards:

Plastics #3, #4, #7; cell phones, laptops, and small electronics; plastic film such as grocery bags, bubble wrap, plastic shipping containers, Ziploc bags, and plastic wrap

*September concludes our experimental phase. We have recycled about 3 large bags per month, which is great! Feedback is that you would like to bring more different items each month. So in the newsletter of September 13, a new line-up with just two lists for alternating months will be announced.*

## **Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Annual Gala "Love in Action"**

**Tuesday September 19, 2023**

Reception 5:30pm

Dinner, Live Auction & Awards 6:30pm

**The Oregon Convention Center  
777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd,  
Portland**

**Virtual option available**

### **Reservations**

\$150 per person

\$10 virtual option

RSVP by Sept 12

**[emoregon.ejoinme.org/gala](http://emoregon.ejoinme.org/gala)**

Questions: Kristi Baack  
[kbaack@emoregon.org](mailto:kbaack@emoregon.org)

# Church Calendar

## Wednesday August 30

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet  
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

## Thursday August 31

7:00am Men's Study  
1:30pm Chime Choir practice

## Saturday September 2

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

## Sunday September 3 Hymn Sing

### Collecting for FISH Food Bank

9:30am Adult Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

## Monday September 4 Labor Day

Church office closed

## Tuesday September 5

10:00am Women's Bible Study  
3:00pm TOPS group meets

## Wednesday September 6

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet  
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

## Thursday September 7

7:00am Men's Study  
1:30pm Chime Choir practice

## Saturday September 9

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

## Sunday September 10

9:30am Adult Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

## Tuesday September 12

10:00am Women's Bible Study  
3:00pm TOPS group

## Wednesday September 13

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet  
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

## Scriptures for Sunday September 3, 2023

Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

## SERVING Sunday September 3, 2023

Elder this Week	Suze Nigl
Communion prep	Barbara Ritoch
Coffee Hour	Jennifer Stager & friends
Deacons	<u>Serving Team #1</u> Woody & Sue Eskildsen

## Scriptures for Sunday September 10, 2023

Exodus 12:1-14  
Psalm 149  
Romans 13:9-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

## SERVING Sunday September 10, 2023

Elder this Week	Chrystal Akin
Communion prep	Barbara Ritoch
Coffee Hour	Barb & friends
Deacons	<u>Serving Team #2</u> Jennifer Stager, Rylee Akin